

EXCURSIONS.
RICHMOND PRESS CLUB.
EXCURSION DOWN JAMES RIVER ON STEAMER PAMUNCEY, AND BASKET PIC-NIC AT SHIRLEY, JUNE 11TH.

The number of tickets already sold justifies the belief that this excursion will be a great success. Shirley House is pleasantly situated on a high bluff overlooking the river, and is the property of General R. E. Lee, and the home of the late General Lee. The house is a fine specimen of the architecture of the period, and is surrounded by a beautiful park. The excursion will be a most enjoyable one, and is well worth the trouble of making it.

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The Cincinnati Enquirer prints the following letter written by Secretary Sherman three months ago:

WASHINGTON, February 10, 1878.
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Edison's New Inventions.
INTRODUCING THE PHONOGRAPH IN TWO PARTS. THE NOVELTY OF EAR-TRUMPET.

Forty-nine photographs are now in use in this country. They have been introduced in all parts of Canada, in the West Indies, and three are in operation in South America. In England the introduction of the phonograph is attributed to the London Stereoscopic Company. Continental Europe is given to another company to exhibit and bring into general use there the invention of Edison. The exhibitions of the phonograph in this country, which are under the charge of the London Stereoscopic Company, are held every night. The whole country is mapped out into districts and carefully divided up among the various exhibitors. Everywhere the greatest interest is shown in the new invention, and large audiences crowd the halls to hear this novel instrument.

In October Mr. Edison expects to complete his standard machine—a phonograph in miniature form. He is continually perfecting the phonograph. At it he works at least seven hours a day. He is also now experimenting with a new instrument that he calls a telephonograph. It is a sort of ear-trumpet which, when applied to the ear, enables one to hear distinctly the ordinary conversation of a man at a distance. A gentleman who has tested one of my ear-trumpets said: "I applied one to my ear and could hear a man talking who was across a field nearly a mile away. I heard every word he said. Afterward he seemed to raise his voice a little, and when I saw him I felt that he had been shouting at the top of his voice. There is no connecting wire as in the telephone. Everything depends on the wonderful properties of the ear-trumpet, which is constructed on a radically different principle from those that have been in use so long. By this instrument it is expected that deaf persons, except those who can't hear anything at all, will be able to hear anything said on the stage at the theatre."—New York Tribune.

WHAT THE ARMY IS FOR.—The use of the army for police purposes can only be demanded in the interest of despotism, and no one but a traitor to American institutions will ask such use of the army. For all purposes that this nation needs, an army of 100,000 men is sufficient. Our people should be so prosperous and happy, and should love our Government so well, that at the first flash of a telegram from Washington that they were wanted, a million trained men would spring to arms from every farm and workshop in the land. When our people are in this happy condition a million can't keep them in subjection. He is an enemy and a traitor who demands a standing army, or that it be used as a police at the polls or anywhere. The only use of an army in this country is to fight in open war the public enemy.—Peoria (Ill.) Democrat.

A FAIR OFFER TO A YOUNG MAN.—The Lebanon (Penn.) Times says: "A wealthy Illinois farmer, possessing a number of farms and costly houses, is reported to have visited the family of William Coldre, of Womelsdorf, and to have made an offer of a farm of 200 acres of the best land in Illinois to the son of the young man. The offer was accepted by the young man, and he is now on his way to Womelsdorf to take possession of the farm. The offer was made by the father of the young man, and he is now on his way to Womelsdorf to take possession of the farm. The offer was made by the father of the young man, and he is now on his way to Womelsdorf to take possession of the farm.

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In October Mr. Edison expects to complete his standard machine—a phonograph in miniature form. He is continually perfecting the phonograph. At it he works at least seven hours a day. He is also now experimenting with a new instrument that he calls a telephonograph. It is a sort of ear-trumpet which, when applied to the ear, enables one to hear distinctly the ordinary conversation of a man at a distance. A gentleman who has tested one of my ear-trumpets said: "I applied one to my ear and could hear a man talking who was across a field nearly a mile away. I heard every word he said. Afterward he seemed to raise his voice a little, and when I saw him I felt that he had been shouting at the top of his voice. There is no connecting wire as in the telephone. Everything depends on the wonderful properties of the ear-trumpet, which is constructed on a radically different principle from those that have been in use so long. By this instrument it is expected that deaf persons, except those who can't hear anything at all, will be able to hear anything said on the stage at the theatre."—New York Tribune.

WHAT THE ARMY IS FOR.—The use of the army for police purposes can only be demanded in the interest of despotism, and no one but a traitor to American institutions will ask such use of the army. For all purposes that this nation needs, an army of 100,000 men is sufficient. Our people should be so prosperous and happy, and should love our Government so well, that at the first flash of a telegram from Washington that they were wanted, a million trained men would spring to arms from every farm and workshop in the land. When our people are in this happy condition a million can't keep them in subjection. He is an enemy and a traitor who demands a standing army, or that it be used as a police at the polls or anywhere. The only use of an army in this country is to fight in open war the public enemy.—Peoria (Ill.) Democrat.

A FAIR OFFER TO A YOUNG MAN.—The Lebanon (Penn.) Times says: "A wealthy Illinois farmer, possessing a number of farms and costly houses, is reported to have visited the family of William Coldre, of Womelsdorf, and to have made an offer of a farm of 200 acres of the best land in Illinois to the son of the young man. The offer was accepted by the young man, and he is now on his way to Womelsdorf to take possession of the farm. The offer was made by the father of the young man, and he is now on his way to Womelsdorf to take possession of the farm.

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BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.—A suit for divorce has been commenced in the Chancery Court by Rena Johnson vs. Robert Johnson.

Business on the bank on 'Change yesterday. Highest reported price paid for tobacco was \$76, by R. A. Mills.

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